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Info. from [REDACTED]

75,210 total confirmed strength

77,510 total confirmed, probable, & possible

75,210

118 total battalions

of which:

31 PAVN

87 VC

OCT
collects this
the main
force

Also:

181 separate companies

101 separate platoons

The SNIE
referred to these
troops as local
~~or regional~~
forces

(SNIE 10-11-65)
(Annex A
P.A.4
footnote)

Also:

103,000 guerrillas

17,600 combat support troops

39,200 political cadres

formed but
require no
outside logistic
support

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The separate companies and platoons may require a small amount of outside logistic support, although they do not have the VC heavy weapons.

The combat support troops include 3 transportation battalions and some demolition units. They also include a small amount of outside logistic support. [REDACTED] thinks the trans. bus might require some POC from outside sources.

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Assuming 500
new/bd
in VC forces
 87×500
= 43,500

$$\begin{array}{r}
 75,210 \\
 16,280 \\
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 58,930 \\
 43,500 \\
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 15,430
 \end{array}$$

Assuming 530
new/bd in VC forces
 87×530
= 46,110

$$\begin{array}{r}
 75,210 \\
 16,280 \\
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 58,930 \\
 46,110 \\
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 12,820
 \end{array}$$

Total

PAVN confirmed [REDACTED]

VC Total

VC in main force
(87 battalions)

VC in separate
Companies and platoons

or

[REDACTED] estimates that all

the PAVN battalions and most of the
VC main force battalions are now equipped
with the new weapons. (By "main
force" he means the 87 VC battalions)
However, back in January he told us
only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the VC force had
the new weapons. So this is a very
tentative estimate, to say the least.

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